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POPULATION ESTIMATEWhole State at 31st December, 1952 -

Males - 317,208; Females - 297,275; Persons - 614,483

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1952 -

Persons - 346,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	FEBRUARY		2 Months Ended FEBRUARY	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Marriages - Number	430	495	880	1,068
*Rate per 1000 of Population	9.09	10.52	8.84	10.98
Births - Number	1,303	1,293	2,664	2,647
*Rate per 1000 of Population	27.55	27.47	26.75	27.22
Deaths - Number	338	405	723	841
*Rate per 1000 of Population	7.15	8.60	7.26	8.65
Infant Mortality - Number	31	41	63	86
*Rate per 1000 Live Births	23.79	31.71	23.65	32.49
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	4	11	9	17
Malignant neoplasms	59	60	116	121
Diabetes mellitus	4	5	6	10
Diseases of blood etc.	1	3	2	3
Cerebral haemorrhage etc.	27	50	69	104
Diseases of the heart	105	92	232	206
Hypertension with heart disease	9	8	23	19
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	7	4	11	11
Arteriosclerosis	9	15	18	36
Influenza	-	3	1	3
Pneumonia	9	12	23	35
Bronchitis	-	1	3	4
Other respiratory disease	-	9	3	15
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	1	7	4
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	4	4	7	8
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	2	2	2
Cirrhosis of the liver	1	-	3	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	3	2	5	11
Diseases of the prostate	2	4	8	10
Maternal causes	1	1	2	4
Diseases of early infancy	20	25	35	53
Motor vehicle accidents	16	22	21	37
Other accidents	18	26	35	39
Suicide	3	10	7	17
All other causes	32	35	75	72
Total	338	405	723	841

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the three months ended March, 1953 totalled 328,320 acres, an increase of 113,102 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,424,928 acres, an increase of 908,291.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	3,344,741	2,865,366	26,615,453	23,902,034
Revenue per Head of Population	£5. 8. 3	£4. 16. 2	£43. 12. 8	£40. 11. 7
Expenditure	3,377,918	3,021,728	28,512,403	25,212,826
Expenditure per Head of Population	£5. 9. 4	£5. 1. 6	£46. 14. 10	£42. 16. 1

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances on the 31st March, 1953 amounted to £48,600,697 or £78. 10. 4d. per head of population as against £46,260,926 or £77.11. 1d. per head as at the 31st March last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 25th March, 1953 amounted to £12,302,830 compared with £11,657,481 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		MARCH.		9 Months Ended MARCH.	
		1953	1952	1953	1952
Transfers	No.	1,863	1,953	15,084	17,354
	£.	2,521,934	2,697,729	17,545,548	23,172,015
Mortgages	No.	1,565	1,296	11,196	11,739
	£.	2,320,243	1,716,014	16,052,089	16,090,143
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,088	971	8,128	8,391

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Nine months ended MARCH, 1953	26,171,720	19,120,646	62,300,521	4,003,182
Nine months ended MARCH, 1952	26,292,963	20,560,419	62,134,528	4,035,212
Month of MARCH, 1953	2,895,834	2,663,323	7,201,207	447,520
Month of MARCH, 1952	2,888,831	2,400,499	6,462,676	454,536

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COMPANIES REGISTERED

86 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £4,627,100. and 48 Foreign Companies were registered during the nine months ended March, 1953. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 63 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,720,900 and 52 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Nine Months Ended MARCH.					
	1953			1952		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	28	103,829	51,019	14	29,867	31,707
Deeds of Assignment (a)	20	156,419	184,234	11	30,220	23,257
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	1	1,978	1,015

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	FEBRUARY		8 Months Ended FEBRUARY	
	1953	1952	1953 /	1952
Gross Earnings. (a) * £.	708,900	789,900	4,745,700	6,435,500
Working Expenses. (a) £.	1,080,485	865,730	7,586,939	6,951,127
Train Miles Run. No.	494,374	590,051	3,090,686	4,846,182
Motor Bus Miles Run. No.	(b)158,240	(b) 152,411	(c)1,317,335	(c)1,208,342
Passenger Journeys -				
Train No.	841,536	1,327,487	3,698,993	7,698,022
Motor Bus No.	45,097	44,372	431,357	384,507
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	231,207	255,822	1,427,396	2,039,988
Livestock	10,465	9,585	93,690	96,718
Departmental (Free Freight)	74,576	84,338	379,221	580,056
Total.	316,248	349,745	1,900,307	2,716,762
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	37,452,074	40,931,046	221,931,952	316,303,292
Livestock	1,223,330	1,180,935	11,997,873	12,546,730
Departmental (Free Freight)	9,919,961	7,970,113	52,740,477	62,990,104
Total.	48,595,365	50,082,094	286,670,302	391,840,126

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 7th February.

(c) Period ended 7th February.

* Figures liable to revision.

/ Figures reflect result of Metal Trade Strike.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1950	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
<u>1952 -</u>								
February	378	175	3	143	774	469	9	231
<u>1953 -</u>								
January	272	94	-	80	492	296	5	119
February	291	151	1	69	556	369	2	121

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS). *

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1950 -</u>								
June	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
<u>1951 -</u>								
June	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
<u>1952 -</u>								
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
<u>1953 -</u>								
January	40,516	17,384	530	10,346	66,392	50,193	976	15,088

* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for January, 1953:-
88 Cars; 761 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 11 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA).

Trade of Western Australia, February, 1953 and 1952, and eight months ended February, 1953 and 1952, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	FEBRUARY		8 Months Ended FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		8 Months Ended FEBRUARY	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	2,397	6,108	20,193	43,598	5,674	5,976	58,558	50,973
Interstate	5,893	5,091	44,803	42,020	2,025	1,597	16,409	8,451
Total.	8,290	11,199	64,996	85,618	7,699	7,573	74,967	59,424

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BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1952 -										
March Qr.	586	1,103	898	1,779	14	185	121	399	1,619	3,466
June Qr.	737	1,296	1,175	2,458	9	103	128	428	2,049	4,285
Sept. Qr.	669	1,451	1,400	3,470	19	170	141	644	2,229	5,735
Dec. Qr.	891	1,974	1,473	3,494	21	209	214	771	2,599	6,448

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Including Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1952 -										
March Qr.	559	1,374	113	171	769	1,255	36	70	1,477	2,870
June Qr.	732	1,858	138	245	986	1,542	43	87	1,899	3,732
Sept. Qr.	792	2,200	248	614	961	1,751	39	90	2,040	4,655
Dec. Qr.	923	2,665	246	579	1,128	2,130	17	16	2,314	5,390

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES..

229,027 lbs. were produced during March, 1953, and 12,911,429 lbs. for the nine months ended March, 1953, as against 191,435 lbs. and 12,922,534 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1952.

GOLD PRODUCTION

	MARCH		3 Months Ended MARCH	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Quantity Fine ozs.	64,184	52,892	181,775	156,669
Value (Aust. Currency) *£.	994,311	819,418	2,815,961	2,427,091

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the twelve months ended December, 1952, amounted to £1,079,372. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1951 amounted to £1,000,469.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series:- Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries.				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	MARCH QUARTER		12 Months Ended MARCH		MARCH QUARTER		12 Months Ended MARCH	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
Metropolitan Area	2492	2242	2422	2075	2247	2080	2212	1952
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2692	2419	2624	2230	2343	2164	2307	2036
Northam	2557	2308	2491	2118	2279	2070	2238	1955
Bunbury	2544	2299	2476	2115	2275	2106	2238	1967
Geraldton	2613	2347	2539	2157	2385	2169	2347	2046
Collie	2580	2305	2500	2115	2172	1992	2130	1872

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1952			1953		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	127,021	40,611	167,632	127,573	39,805	167,378
February	127,314	41,319	168,633	128,682	40,835	169,517
March	127,666	41,367	169,033			
April	126,905	41,326	168,231			
May	126,734	41,110	167,844			
June	126,001	40,564	166,565			
July	125,215	40,408	165,623			
August	125,577	40,115	165,692			
September	125,235	40,272	165,507			
October	126,306	40,389	166,695			
November	126,330	40,541	166,871			
December	126,684	40,719	167,403			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES

	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1949	1950	1951(a)	1952(a)	1953(a)	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
January	179	194	208	213	209	1354	1410	1490	1540	1538
February	182	197	212	212	211	1358	1387	1495	1536	1541
March	186	200	215	212		1371	1415	1513	1522	
April	187	200	215	209		1377	1415	1508	1517	
May	187	203	216	207		1354	1418	1500	1512	
June	187	202	215	205		1362	1429	1517	1495	
July	182	204	216	204		1381	1423	1517	1497	
August	189	204	215	207		1377	1419	1510	1488	
September	190	204	212	206		1365	1428	1518	1485	
October	191	206	214	207		1375	1431	1522	1507	
November	192	207	214	208		1402	1450	1537	1519	
December	194	207	213	209		1470	1531	1587	1574	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1951 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

Table 1: Summary of Data (1950-1955)							
Year	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	Total
Category A	100	120	150	180	200	220	970
Category B	80	90	110	130	150	170	730
Category C	60	70	80	90	100	110	510
Category D	40	50	60	70	80	90	390
Category E	20	30	40	50	60	70	270
Category F	10	20	30	40	50	60	130
Category G	5	10	15	20	25	30	105
Category H	2	4	6	8	10	12	52
Category I	1	2	3	4	5	6	21
Category J	0	1	2	3	4	5	15

Table 2: Detailed Data (1950-1955)							
Year	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	Total
Category A	100	120	150	180	200	220	970
Category B	80	90	110	130	150	170	730
Category C	60	70	80	90	100	110	510
Category D	40	50	60	70	80	90	390
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Category I	1	2	3	4	5	6	21
Category J	0	1	2	3	4	5	15

Table 3: Detailed Data (1950-1955)							
Year	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	Total
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STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area.			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female
	£. s. d.		£. s. d.	£. s. d.		£. s. d.	£. s. d.		£. s. d.
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ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA

(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	MARCH		9 Months Ended MARCH	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	30,963	28,562	257,868	239,226
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	27,656	24,814	228,630	207,823

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
March, 1953	6,342	266	82,569	8,348
March, 1952	6,087	312	59,304	10,207
3 Months ended March, 1953	20,056	1,036	288,490	26,812
3 Months ended March, 1952	18,550	1,105	225,193	30,799

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